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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT

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Mark Dotson, Manager
Western Utah Copper Company
1208 South 200 West
Milford, Utah 84751

Re: Second Review of Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations, Western Utah
Copper Company, Maria Mine, M/001/059, Beaver County, Utah

Dear Mr. Dotson:

The Division has completed a review of your September 3, 2002, response to our August 2, 2002 initial review, of your Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations for the Maria Mine, located in Beaver County, Utah. After reviewing the information, the Division has the following comments that will need to be addressed before tentative approval may be granted. The comments are listed below under the applicable Minerals Rule heading. Please address only those items that are *italicized and bolded*. Please format your response in a similar fashion. Please provide a response to this review by January 10, 2003.

The Division will suspend further review of the Maria mine NOI until your response to this letter is received. If you have any questions regarding this technical review please contact me, Tom Munson, Paul Baker or Doug Jensen of the Minerals Staff. If you wish to arrange a meeting to sit down and discuss this review, please contact us at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your patience and cooperation in completing this permitting action.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg

Permit Supervisor

Minerals Regulatory Program

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Attachment: Review & blank surety estimate

cc: Ed Ginouves, BLM. Cedar City FO w/attachment

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